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St. James, March 29.

THE following Addreſs has been preſented to Her Majeſty by the Reverend Mr. *Stratford*, Archdeacon of *Richmond*, introduced by his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *York*.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Biſhop, Dean and Chapter, and others, the Clergy of the Dioceſe of *Cheſter*.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE the Biſhop and the Dean and Chpater, with others, the Clergy of the Dioceſe of Cheſter, *out of the deepeſt Senſe of Your Royal Compaſſion to Your Clergy of this Kingdom, crave Leave to offer to Your Majeſty our moſt hearty Thanks, for Your Majeſty's late Bounty to us, in which Your Clergy of this Dioceſe, when that great Work ſhall be finiſhed will have their Share.*

We cannot but promiſe to our ſelves, at leaſt, as great Bleſſings under Your Majeſty, as this Nation formerly enjoyed under Your Predeceſſor Queen Elizabeth, *of Glorious Memory, both of You being raiſed by God, in Times of Diſtreſs and Danger, for the Support of his Church, and for the Protection of the Liberties of* Europe; *and both of You beginning Your Reigns with the greatſt Acts of Piety to him who raiſed You.*

Your Predeceſſor, at her firſt Entrance upon the Government brought down a Bleſſing upon it by the Reformation of the Church: And we pray, and we hope, That Your Majeſty may obtain from God a Reign, in all Reſpects, no leſs Glorious, by Your ſupplying what was wanting to that great Work, in providing a comfortable Subſiſtence for the poorer ſort of Your Clergy.

We of this Dioceſe are in a peculiar manner ſenſible, how great an Obſtacle the inſufficient Maintenance, of thoſe who Miniſter in Holy Offices, has been to the entire prevalence of the Reformation amongſt us; which Evil, Queen Elizabeth, *in her great Wiſdom, foreſaw, and by a particular Inſtitution of Preachers, for thoſe Parts which chiefly wanted them, ſhe endeavour'd, as far as then ſhe could, to remedy it; but we truſt it is reſolv'd by God for Your Majeſty to take away all Remains of it, by a competent Proviſion for all the Clergy of this Dioceſe.*

That You may exceed this Your great Predeceſſor, in Days and in Glory; That You may live to ſee the Nobleſt Fruit of Your Bounty, that Fruit of it, which Your Royal Heart chiefly wiſhes to ſee; in the daily encreaſe of true Religion amongſt Your People, is the earneſt Prayer, and ſhall be the ſincere Endeavour, in their ſeveral Stations, of Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Subjects.

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty received very graciouſly.

Rome, March 8. N. S. The Duke of *Modena* arrived here ſome days ago *incognito* from *Bolonia*, and has been ſeveral times privately with the Pope: This Court is endeavouring to prevail with thoſe of *Verſailles* and *Madrid* to allow that his Highneſs's Territories, whereof the *French* have lately poſſeſſed themſelves, ſhould be ſequeſtred into the hands of the Pope, who in that caſe offers to put Gariſons of his own Troops into the Towns of *Modena* and *Reggio*, and to engage that they ſhall obſerve an exact Neutrality between the Two contending Parties. The Cardinals *Norris* and *Coſtaguti* being lately dead, there are now 14 Places vacant in the College of Cardinals; yet we do not hear that the Pope has thoughts of making any new Promotions at this time. Some Shocks of Earthquake have again been felt at *Norcia*, *Spoleto*, and ſome other neighbouring Towns, to the great Terror of the Inhabitants, who have all left their Houſes, and dwell in Tents in the open Fields. It is ſaid the Pope intends ſpeedily to disband part of his Forces.

Venice, March 14. The Grand Prior of *France* having paſſed over the *Po* at *San Benedetto*, advanced the 9th Inſtant to *Quiſtello* with a Body of 12000 Men, a Train of Artillery, and other Neceſſaries for a Siege, intending (as is ſuppoſed) to have ſet down before *Revere*; but there has been ever ſince ſuch rainy Weather, that it has not been poſſible for him to go on with his Deſign: In the mean time the Imperialiſts are putting that Place and the reſt of the Poſts into a poſture of Defence. They have lately ſeized ſeveral Barks on the *Po*, which were carrying Proviſions to or from the *Milaneſe*. The Inhabitants of *Segna* and other Seaport Towns belonging to the Emperor in the *Adriatick* Sea have lately fitted out ſome Privateers, as well to ſecure the Convoys of Proviſions which they ſend by Sea to *Mezzola*, as to attack ſuch of the Enemy's Merchant Ships as they can meet with; and we hear they have already made Prize of ſome of them.

Cologne, March 28. N. S. The States of this Archbiſhoprick continue aſſembled here; and the Diet of the Circle of *Weſtphalia* is to meet in this Place in few days. The new Works for augmenting the Fortifications of *Bonn* are carried on with all poſſible Expedition; and they continue with no leſs Application to demoliſh thoſe of *Ruinberg*. A ſtrong Party of the Enemy came laſt night to *Woeringen*, a ſmall Town in the lower part of this Diocele, and fell upon a Troop of the King of *Pruſſia*'s Forces which was quartered there, and carried off their Bagage, many Soldiers being killed and wounded on both ſides in this Action.

Falmouth, March 25. Yeſterday morning came in here two *Dutch* Privateers, with one *Spaniſh* and two *French* Prizes, of about 90 or 100 Tuns each, which they had taken coming from *Bilboa*, laden chiefly with Wool and Iron.

Briſtol, March 24. This day ſailed out of *Kingroad* Her Majeſty's Ship the *Shoreham*, having under her Convoy 4 Timber Ships, bound to *Milford*; as did alſo the *Arundel*, bound for *Ireland*, which is to con-